



The International Politics of Middle East Migration **Problems, Policy, Practice**

Two-Day International Conference

Date: 7-8 March 2019

Venue: University of Birmingham

Abstract submission deadline: 14 December 2018 (send to g.tsourapas@bham.ac.uk)

Migration has emerged as one of the major challenges of our time, from the Syrian refugee crisis or sub-Saharan migration via the Mediterranean to the mobilisation of diaspora groups across Europe or the politics of labour immigration in the Gulf. This interdisciplinary conference aims to bring together scholars working on the interplay between migration and international relations into, out of, and across the Middle East, both historically and in contemporary times.

Papers on all issues related to the international politics of Middle East migration are welcome, including work on labour migration, refugees and forced migration, as well as transnationalism and diasporas. Papers on the following topics are of particular interest:

- The governance of Middle East migration
- European responses to “migration and refugee crises” and the rise of “migration deals”
- The politics of Middle East diasporas
- The management of African and South-Asian migrant populations in the Middle East
- Foreign policy, security and Middle East migration
- Authoritarian states’ responses to labour and forced migration in the region

The conference will begin with a keynote lecture by **Professor Dawn Chatty** (Emerita Professor of Anthropology and Forced Migration, University of Oxford; former Director of the Refugee Studies Centre, 2011-2014), who will discuss her latest book, *Syria: The Making and Unmaking of a Refugee State* (2018, Oxford University Press).

Please submit your proposed abstract (maximum 350 words) to g.tsourapas@bham.ac.uk by 14 December 2018. Funding is available to subsidise participants’ costs.

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